Pre-Arrival Booklet

All International Students Attending CCSU

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WELCOME!

All of us at the Center for International Education (CIE) welcome you to Central Connecticut State University! We are very pleased that you have chosen to study at CCSU and look forward to working with you and coming to know you soon.

Studying outside your country will provide you with an exciting and interesting challenge, and an opportunity to meet new people and experience a new culture. Please be sure to read the information provided in this Handbook; it will help to answer some of your questions about transportation to campus, housing, Visa application, immigration regulations, and CCSU in general.

We understand that as new arrivals in Connecticut you will experience a period of adjustment. For that reason, you are required to attend the International Student Orientation – details will be sent to you before your arrival. At the orientation, which provides a full breakfast and lunch at no charge, you will receive information on immigration, health and safety, banking, class registration, employment, U.S academic style and cultural adjustment, and more.

For all Immigration questions: Toyin Ayeni, International Student and Scholar Services
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Email: avenio@ccsu.edu

For all questions relating to International Exchange Students: Erin, Beecher International Education Coordinator
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Email: ebeecher@ccsu.edu

This Booklet is required reading; provides information on the following topics. Should you have questions or need any additional information after reading this material, contact us ASAP:

Immigration Documents
Transportation to Campus
Housing
Meals
Code of Conduct and Alcohol Policy
Finances
Class Registration
Health Care and Insurance
General Information
Connecticut Information
CCSU Fast Facts
Campus Map
Happy Travels!
MANDATORY ORIENTATION

All International and Exchange Students must attend the mandatory orientation provided by CIE and other officials of the University (details will be emailed to you well before your arrival). At the orientation, which provides a full breakfast and lunch at no charge, you will receive updates regarding U.S. immigration law and your responsibilities, as well as other important information that you need to start your semester at CCSU - and you will have the chance to meet fellow international students!

Documents that you MUST bring to Orientation:

- Passport
- Current I-20 (matriculated students who hold F-1 visas)
- Current DS-2019 (exchange students who hold J-1 visas)
- Any previous I-20 form
- Any other relevant immigration documents (i.e. transfer forms, employment cards, approval notices).
YOUR IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS

Passport
- Your passport must be valid for at least six months beyond your planned stay in the U.S.
- Your passport is your primary means of identification while you are in the U.S.
- Keep your passport valid while you are in the U.S.

You will NO LONGER be given an I-94 Card at the point of entry into the United States by air or sea. The Customs and Border Protection will provide an ADMISSION STAMP on your passport, which will show the date of admission, visa type and required departure date (admitted until date). The admission stamp indicates how long you may remain in the United States. (It should not be confused with the visa, which only authorizes permission to attempt entry into the U.S.) A copy of your I-94 can be printed from www.cbp.gov/I94, if required for any purpose such as the Department of Motor Vehicles, Social Security Office, etc.

Visa
- To apply for a U.S. visa, present your documents at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate outside the U.S. For a list of U.S. Embassies and Consulates see: www.usembassy.gov/
- A valid U.S. visa allows you to enter the United States.
- Your visa shows the immigration status used to enter the U.S.

DS-2019 Form
- For J-1 visa applicants only (exchange students)
- If traveling outside the U.S. prior to the expiration date on your DS-2019, a travel signature is required for re-entry into the U.S. (even if traveling to Canada or Mexico).
- The DS-2019 cannot be extended beyond the dates of your program.

DO NOT ENTER THE U.S. ON A B-1/B-2 VISITOR VISA

SPECIAL NOTE FOR CANADIAN STUDENTS: Non-immigrants traveling on a Canadian passport are not required to have a visa and may enter the U.S. with only a valid Form I-20 and passport.
Visas for Third Country Nationals (TCN)
TCN visa applicants (someone applying for a visa outside their home country) will have more difficulties when applying for a visa. Consular officers will deny visas whenever they believe there are fraud indications present, or their lack of knowledge of local conditions and familiarity with documents in the applicant's home country prevents them from properly adjudicating the case. Applications will not be accepted from nationals of countries currently designated as state sponsors of terrorism. For more information go to: http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/info/info_5213.html

Documents needed to apply for a Visa include:
- Passport
- I-20 form (matriculated students) or DS-2019 form (exchange students)
- Proof of Funding
- Proof of tie to your home country
- One 2 inch by 2 inch passport photographs
- Visa Application fee
- University Admission letter
- SEVIS fee payment receipt (see: www.fmjfee.com)

Check with your local U.S Embassy or Consulate for their specific procedures. If you encounter any problems during this process, immediately contact Toyin Ayeni, International Student and Scholar Services Coordinator at 860-832-2040 or ayenio@ccsu.edu. In fact, all questions regarding your immigration status as an international or exchange student should be referred to Toyin Ayeni.

Note: F-1 and J-1 visa holders are permitted entry to the U.S. up to 30 days prior to their programs start date, which is indicated on the I-20 or DS-2019.

IMMIGRATION RESOURCES

www.uscis.gov – US Citizen and Immigration Services
www.state.gov - U.S. Department of State
http://travel.state.gov/visa/questions/policy/policy_4433.html - U.S. Visa policy
http://usembassy.state.gov/ - U.S. Embassies and Consulates
http://www.fmjfee.com/ - SEVIS Fee Payment
http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/denials/denials_1361.html - Visa Denials
Form I-20 (F-1 International Students)
Form DS-2019 (J-1 Exchange Students)
ARRIVING IN THE U.S.A

TRAVEL TIPS FOR ARRIVING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) offers travel tips for arriving foreign students and exchange visitors at: www.ice.gov/sevis/students/

DRIVING IN THE U.S.A

Full time students are permitted to use their valid out-of-country license in State of Connecticut with an International Driver’s Permit obtained from the student’s home country. For more information, visit: www.ct.gov/dmv/cwp/view.asp?a=805&Q=244774&dmvPNavCtr=[28069]#31252

YOUR LUGGAGE

Keep all important documents, including those listed below, as well as this Pre-Arrival Booklet, in your carry-on bag! Do not place them in the luggage that you check through!

- Passport
- Current I-20 or DS-2019
- Any Previous form I-20 (for Transfer Students)

If your luggage is lost or delayed, give the airline the following address:

Central Connecticut State University
Center for International Education
Barnard Hall - Room 123
1615 Stanley St.
New Britain, Ct 06050
Telephone: (860) 832-2040

Make sure to check the weight limit for your luggage with the Airline. In some cases you may be charged for overweight luggage or in some cases the Airline will restrict your luggage to two suitcases with no exception.

Don’t forget that you need to lift your luggage on a cart or carry it short distances, so make sure it’s not too heavy!
TRAVELING TO THE CCSU CAMPUS

Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) looks forward to welcoming you to campus when you arrive for your studies. This guide, which includes lots of useful websites and phone numbers, will help you make your travel and hotel reservations.

We wish you safe travels!

CAMPUS ARRIVAL

Traveling to Campus

▪ Students are responsible for making their own travel plans and can choose from many options, including those outlined below.

▪ This guide offers detailed information about transport to campus from area airports, train stations, bus terminals, as well as information about nearby hotels and taxi cab companies.

▪ When making your plans, you will want to compare direct routes (typically more expensive) and alternate routes; travel time estimates are also provided below.

Early Reservations are Important

▪ Use this guide to call or go online to compare schedules, costs, and availability.

▪ Once you decide which travel arrangement is best for you, book your reservation(s) as soon as possible, at least 3-4 weeks in advance of your departure.

▪ Before you leave, confirm your reservation again; carry a copy of the online reservations that you make.

Travel Money

▪ Be sure to bring sufficient funds (U. S. dollars) when you arrive at the U. S. airport. If you do not bring funds with you, be sure that you can access funds from an ATM when you arrive in the U. S.

▪ It is best to have at least $175-$200 to cover the cost of your transportation -- plus tip -- to campus, as well as the cab fare and tip that you may need.

▪ Also, be prepared for unexpected medical issues when CCSU Health Services is closed (after 5p.m. and on weekends). Cab fare to the local hospital or urgent care center is about $20 roundtrip and you may be required to pay a co-pay depending on your insurance.

Hotel for Early/Late Arrival

▪ If you arrive in the U. S. either too early or too late to come to campus on the designated Move-In Hours (sent to you in a separate mailing), you will want to make your own over-night accommodations. Below, you will find a detailed list of area hotels.
# AIRPORT INFORMATION

## BRADLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - Windsor Locks, CT

Bradley International Airport is the closest Regional Airport to the CCSU campus.

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<td>Telephone: (860) 627-3128 or (860) 627-3588</td>
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<td><strong>Note:</strong> Taxi cabs will be lined up alongside the curb just outside of baggage claim at the airport. For further assistance, see ground transportation service coordinators at Bradley Airport, located at counters on the lower level curbside of Terminal A and next to baggage reclaim Area 2 in Terminal B.</td>
<td><strong>Note:</strong> Online Reservations are required. Reservations should be made at least 3 weeks in advance to ensure availability. The Connecticut Limousine transportation service will drop you off in downtown Hartford, CT at the Holiday Inn Hotel. From the Holiday Inn Hotel you must take a taxi the rest of the way to the CCSU campus. If you are arriving on a late flight, you may call the dispatcher directly at 1-800-481-9574.</td>
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## JOHN F. KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – New York, NY

www.panynj.gov/airports/jfk.html

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<td>Telephone: (860) 257-1700 or 1 (888) 699-1313 (Toll Free #)</td>
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<td><strong>Note:</strong> The CT Airlink shuttle departs JFK at specific times of the day. Be sure to check the website for the shuttle’s schedule of departures from JFK Airport. Reservations should be made at least 3 weeks in advance to ensure availability. Tipping the driver $5 is not required but recommended.</td>
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## Hartford Taxi Services: Hartford – CCSU campus

Duration of trip: 15 minutes

Hartford Taxi and Limo: (860) 527-5555

United Cab Company: (860) 547–1602
**LAGUARDIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** - New York, NY  
[www.panynj.gov/airports/laguardia.html](http://www.panynj.gov/airports/laguardia.html)

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**CT Airlink Shuttle** – LaGuardia Airport – CCSU campus  
[www.ctairlink.com](http://www.ctairlink.com)

- **Duration of Trip:** 2.5 hours
- **Telephone:** (860) 257-1700 or 1 (888) 699-1313 (Toll Free #)

**Note:** The CT Airlink shuttle departs JFK at specific times of the day. Be sure to check the website for the shuttle’s schedule of departures from JFK Airport. Reservations should be made at least 3 weeks in advance to ensure availability. Tipping the driver $5 is not required but recommended.

**Connecticut Limousine:** LaGuardia – Hartford  
[www.ctlimo.com](http://www.ctlimo.com)

- **Duration:** 2 Hours
- **Telephone:** 1 (800) 472-5466

**Note:** Online Reservations are required. Reservations should be made at least 3 weeks in advance to ensure availability. The Connecticut Limousine transportation service will drop you off in downtown Hartford, CT at the Holiday Inn Hotel. From the Holiday Inn Hotel you must take a taxi the rest of the way to the CCSU campus. If you are arriving on a late flight, you may call the dispatcher directly at 1-800-481-9574.

**Hartford Taxi Services** - Hartford to CCSU campus

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**NEWARK LIBERTY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** – Newark, NJ  

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**Premier Limousine:** Newark Airport – CCSU Campus  
[www.premierlimo.net](http://www.premierlimo.net)

- **Duration:** 2 hours
- **Telephone:** (860) 828-9111

**Note:** Reservations should be made 3 weeks in advance to ensure availability. This option is most cost-efficient when traveling in groups of 2, 3 or 4 passengers.

**Amtrak Train:** Newark – Hartford (Union Place)  
[www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)

- **Duration:** 3.5 + hours

**Note:** The Newark Airport provides a connecting service called, AirTrain” which will transport passengers from the Airport to the Amtrak Station. Be sure to check the Amtrak schedule online, departure times and direct service to Hartford may be limited. Reservations should be made at least 3 weeks in advance to ensure availability. It is possible to purchase tickets upon arrival, however on certain dates and specific times of the day availability can be limited. Once you arrive at Union Place in Hartford, CT, you must take a taxi the rest of the way to the CCSU campus.

**Hartford Taxi Services** – Hartford to CCSU campus

- **Duration of trip:** 15 minutes
- **Hartford Taxi and Limo:** (860) 527-5555
- **United Cab Company:** (860) 547–1602
**LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** – Boston, MA  
[www.massport.com](http://www.massport.com)

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<td>Note: Logan Airport offers a free shuttle service from the Airport to South Station. Travelers also have the option of paying for a taxi to get from Logan Airport to South Station. From South Station travelers can take either a bus or the Amtrak train to Hartford, CT (Union Place).</td>
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| Telephone: (860) 828-9111 | **Peter Pan Bus lines:** South Station to Hartford (Union Place)  
[www.peterpanbus.com](http://www.peterpanbus.com) |
| **Note:** Reservations should be made 3 weeks in advance to ensure availability. This option is most cost-efficient when traveling in groups of 2, 3, or 4 passengers. | **Greyhound Bus lines:** South Station to Hartford (Union Place)  
[www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com) |
|  | Duration: 2 – 3.5 + hours |
|  | **Note:** Reservations should be made at least 3 weeks in advance to ensure availability. It is possible to purchase tickets upon arrival, however on certain dates and specific times of the day availability can be limited. Amtrak routes often pass through New Haven, CT (Union Station). Both busses and trains are available from New Haven (Union Station) to Hartford (Union Place). Once you arrive at Union Place in Hartford, CT, you must take a taxi the rest of the way to the CCSU campus. |
|  | **Hartford Taxi Services:** Hartford – CCSU campus  
Duration: 15 minutes  
Hartford Taxi and Limo: (860) 527-5555  
United Cab Company: (860) 547–1602 |

**PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** - Philadelphia, PA  
[http://phl.org/Pages/HomePage.aspx](http://phl.org/Pages/HomePage.aspx)

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| **Premier Limousine:** Philadelphia Airport – CCSU Campus | **Airport Regional Rail:** Philadelphia Airport – 30th Street  
| [www.premierlimo.net](http://www.premierlimo.net) | Note: The Airport Regional Rail will take you to the Philadelphia Amtrak Station where you can purchase a ticket to Hartford, CT (Union Place). |
| Duration: 4 + hours | **30th Street Amtrak Station:** 30th Street – Hartford (Union Place)  
[www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) |
| Telephone: (860) 828-9111 | Duration: 4 + hours |
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## TRAIN STATION INFORMATION

### GRAND CENTRAL STATION – New York, NY

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<td><strong>Note:</strong> Purchase a ticket at Grand Central Station to New Haven, CT (Union Station). It is possible to purchase tickets upon arrival and even on the train; however, on certain dates and at specific times of the day, availability can be limited. For that reason, you may want to make a reservation in advance.</td>
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<td><strong>New Haven, CT (Union Station):</strong> New Haven – Hartford</td>
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<td><strong>Note:</strong> Purchase a ticket at Union Station in New Haven, CT to Hartford, CT (Union Place). It is possible to purchase tickets upon arrival and even on the train; however, on certain dates and at specific times of the day, availability can be limited. For that reason, you may want to make a reservation in advance. Once you arrive at Union Place train station in Hartford, CT, you must take a taxi the rest of the way to the CCSU campus.</td>
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### PENNSYLVANIA STATION (Penn Station) – New York, NY

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**Hartford Taxi Services - Hartford to CCSU campus**
Duration of trip: 15 minutes
Hartford Taxi and Limo: (860) 527-5555
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# SOUTH STATION – Boston, MA

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Boston (South Station) – Hartford (Union Place) – CCSU Campus

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**Note:** From South Station travelers can take either a bus or the Amtrak train to Hartford, CT (Union Place). Reservations should be made at least 3 weeks in advance to ensure availability. It is possible to purchase tickets upon arrival, however on certain dates and specific times of the day availability can be limited. Once you arrive to Union Place in Hartford, CT, you must take a taxi the rest of the way to the CCSU campus.

**Hartford Taxi Services: Hartford – CCSU campus**
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Hartford Taxi and Limo: (860) 527-5555
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# 30th STREET STATION – Philadelphia, PA

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**Hartford Taxi Services: Hartford – CCSU campus**
Duration: 15 minutes
Hartford Taxi and Limo: (860) 527-5555
United Cab Company: (860) 547–1602
### BUS STATION INFORMATION

#### PORT AUTHORITY BUS TERMINAL – Mid-Town Manhattan, NY

**VIA CONNECTIONS**
Manhattan (Port Authority Bus Terminal) – Hartford (Union Place) – CCSU Campus

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United Cab Company: (860) 547–1602

**Farmington Taxi Services:** Farmington – CCSU Campus

Hardware City Taxi: (860) 229-8294

A Green Taxi Cab: (860) 229-4444

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#### SOUTH STATION – Boston, MA

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Port Authority Bus Terminal – Hartford/Farmington – CCSU Campus

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**Hartford Taxi Services:** Hartford – CCSU campus

Duration: 15 minutes

Hartford Taxi and Limo: (860) 527-5555

United Cab Company: (860) 547–1602

**Farmington Taxi Services:** Farmington – CCSU Campus

Hardware City Taxi: (860) 229-8294

A Green Taxi Cab: (860) 229-4444
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**Note:** If you use a phone booth, you will need 50 cents ($0.50) to telephone a cab company.

### DRIVING TO THE CCSU CAMPUS


**FROM THE NORTH:**

Take I-91 South to I-84 West. Then take Exit 39A, to Rt. 9 South. Take Exit 29 off Rt. 9 South to Ella Grasso Boulevard and take a RIGHT turn to the University. *Alternate Route:* Take I-91 South to I-84 West to Exit 40 (Corbins Corner), take a LEFT turn at the end of the exit ramp, and a RIGHT turn at the next traffic light onto Rt. 71 South, 3 miles to the University.

**FROM THE SOUTH (NEW YORK AREA):**

Take I-95 North to I-91 North to Exit 22 North to Rt. 9 North. Follow Rt. 9 to Exit 29, Cedar Street (Rt. 175). At the traffic light at the end of the ramp, take a LEFT turn to the second traffic light, and take a RIGHT turn onto Paul Manafort Drive to the University.

**FROM THE SOUTH (RHODE ISLAND AREA):**

Take I-95 South to Rt. 9 (Old Saybrook). Take Rt. 9 North to Exit 29, Cedar Street (Rt. 175). At the traffic light at the end of the ramp, take a LEFT turn to the second traffic light, and take a RIGHT turn onto Paul Manafort Drive to the University.

**FROM THE EAST:**

Take I-84 West to Exit 39A to Rt. 9 South. Take Exit 29 off of Rt. 9 to Ella Grasso Boulevard and take a RIGHT turn to the University. *Alternate Route:* Take I-84 West to Exit 40 (Corbin’s Corner); take a LEFT turn at end of exit ramp, and a RIGHT turn at the next traffic light onto Rt. 71 South. Follow Rt. 71 South 3 miles to the University.

**FROM THE WEST:**

Take I-84 East to Exit 39A, to Rt. 9 South. Take Exit 29 off of Rt. 9 South to Ella Grasso Boulevard and take a RIGHT turn to the University. *Alternate Route:* Take I-84 East to Exit 35, Rt. 72 East (New Britain Exit). Follow Rt. 72 East to Rt. 9 North and take Exit 29 to Cedar Street (Rt. 175). At the traffic light at the end of the ramp, take a LEFT turn to the second traffic light, and take a RIGHT turn onto Paul Manafort Drive to the University.
HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

If you arrive in the U. S. either too early or too late to come to campus on your designated Move-In Day (sent to you in a separate mailing), you will want to make your own over-night accommodations. The following is a list of hotels in the area:

HOTEL THAT IS WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE CONNECTICUT LIMO DROP-OFF:

*Holiday Inn Express*
185 Brainard Rd
Hartford, CT 06114
Tel: +1 (860) 525-1000

HOTEL THAT IS WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE FARMINGTON BUS STATION:

*Extended Stay Hotel (across the street from the bus station)*
1 Batterson Park Road
Farmington, CT 06032
Tel: +1 860-676-2790
[www.extendedstay.com](http://www.extendedstay.com)
(When making reservations, mention that you are an international student from CCSU to receive a discount.)

CLOSEST HOTEL TO THE CCSU CAMPUS

*Courtyard Marriott – Farmington*
1583 Southeast Road
Farmington, CT 06032
Tel: +1 860-521-7100
[http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/BDLHF](http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/BDLHF)

OTHER HOTELS IN THE AREA:

*Ramada Plaza Hotel – Downtown Hartford*
50 Morgan St
Hartford, CT 06120
Tel: +1 (860) 549-2400

*Hilton – Downtown Hartford*
315 Trumbull Street
Hartford, CT 06103
(860) 728-5151

*La Quinta Inn & Suites – New Britain*
65 Columbus Blvd
New Britain, CT 06051
(860) 348-1463

*Hampton Inn & Suites – Hartford/Farmington*
301 Colt Hwy
Farmington, CT 06032
(860) 674-8488
HOUSING

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

F-1 International students must apply with the Office of Residence Life as early as possible for on-campus housing. They can be reached online at www.ccsu.edu/reslife or Phone +1 860-832-1660. Please apply as early as possible for on-campus housing since space is limited.

International Exchange students (students with J-1 visas) apply for housing through the Center for International Education. Please enclose your Application for On-Campus Housing along with your CCSU Exchange Student application, and return them as soon as possible. Since on-campus housing is limited, we shall provide accommodations, but cannot guarantee your first choice.

Costs are available on the Bursar’s website at http://www.ccsu.edu/page.cfm?p=1991

Full payment for on campus housing is due to the Bursar no later than JULY 15 (in-coming Fall students) and DECEMBER 15 (in-coming Spring students). Payments made after July 15th (Fall) or December 15 (Spring) will be charged a $50 late fee.

NOTICE REGARDING EXTRA HOUSING CHARGES

Students remaining on campus during Winter Break, the interval between the fall and spring semesters, will be charged $70 per week.

Students remaining on campus during Spring Break will be charged $70.00 for the week.

Students who reside on campus in the spring semester and who wish to apply for on campus housing for the summer to attend CCSU Summer Session courses must plan ahead and be aware of the following policies and charges:

- Students enrolled in the spring semester and interested in summer housing must contact the Office of Residence Life well in advance of the end of the spring semester. Since on campus summer housing cannot be guaranteed, it is important to apply early.
- The Office of Residence Life will inform the student of the on campus room assignment (if available), the move-in date, and the full cost for the summer residence.
- **Summer Gap Policy**: All students must vacate their spring room assignments at the end of the spring semester. Students who resided on campus in the spring and who have permission from the Office of Residence Life to reside on campus for Summer classes will be charged $70 per week to live on campus during the gap between the end of the spring semester and the beginning of summer classes.

Please note that Residence Life does not provide towels, bed linens, or pillows.

Information about the Residence Halls is at http://www.ccsu.edu/page.cfm?p=2867; it provides photos of the Residence Halls and information to help you with your selections.
OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

Off-campus housing in the surrounding New Britain community is available to international students; however, you are responsible to find your own off-campus housing. The CIE recommends that you allow at least one week in securing off-campus housing. Unfortunately, temporary housing is not available at CCSU while you seek off-campus housing. Off-campus listings are available at the Office of Residence Life in Barrows Hall.

Local listings of New Britain apartment complexes are also available on-line at http://www.ccsu.edu/page.cfm?p=4934

Additional advertisements can be found in the Hartford Courant and New Britain Herald newspapers and the apartment classified section at www.ctnow.com and on Craig’s List at http:// hartford.craigslist.org.

WHAT TO PACK – WHAT TO LEAVE BEHIND

The lists below apply mainly to students who live on campus, but students should know that off-campus housing typically has the same, or stricter, requirements.

**What Not to Bring**

Amplifiers  
B-B guns  
Candles (with or without wicks)  
Cardboard drawer units  
Ceiling fans  
Coffee pots or coffee makers  
Drum sets  
Electric appliances  
Electric blankets  
Electric guitars  
Extension cords  
Fire arms or Fireworks  
Fishnets and other ceiling decorations  
Flammable liquids  
Gasoline  
Gasoline-powered equipment  
Halogen (pole) lamps  
Halogen desk lamps with tubular bulbs  
Heating elements (immersion type)  
Heating units  
Hot plates  
Hot pots  
Incense  
Kerosene  
Knives (other than kitchen knives)  
Lamps (kerosene, oil types)  
Loft Units  
Mattress from home  
Microwave ovens  
Multi-outlet adapters  
Musical instruments that amplify  
Paint  
Paint thinner  
Paneling  
Pets (except fish)  
Table model ranges  
Full-size sofas/couches  
Space heaters  
Sun lamps  
Toasters  
Vaporizers  
Waterbeds  
Weapons of any kind  
Wicker wastepaper baskets  
Wicker furniture

**Things to Bring or Consider Buying**

**Alarm Clocks**

**Bicycles** - must not block egress (door or window of room)

**Blenders** - to be used in kitchens only*
Couches/sofas/chairs - must have no rips, and not exceed 65 inches in length
Fitness weights - not to exceed 10 pounds each (no dumbbells or free weights)
Furniture - Due to space restriction, only one extra piece per room. * Residents in James Hall can have no extra furniture.
Hair dryers - hand-held only, must be U.L. approved*
Humidifiers - cool mist only*
Indoor/outdoor decorative lights - must be UL approved*
Wastebaskets - must be made of metal or plastic (no wicker wastebaskets permitted)

Posters/Wall coverings - must not exceed 50% of wall
Irons - must have auto shut-off. To be used on desktop boards. *
Ironing Boards - Only desktop boards allowed.
Plug strip/surge protector - must have built-in circuit*
Radios - Due to the power allotment for each room, only one per room*
Stereo - Due to the power allotment for each room, only one per room*
Vacuum Cleaners - handhelds only*

*Because U. S. electrical currency is different from most countries – even with a currency converter – you will NOT want to bring these items, but can purchase them here, with the above restrictions.

CONNECTICUT WEATHER – AND WHAT TO WEAR

Connecticut has a seasonal climate, which means that it enjoys four distinct seasons:

- **Spring** (March - May) begins as cool and rainy, then the weather becomes warm and clear.

- **Summer** (June – August) can be quite humid, but is also often clear and hot.

- **Autumn** (September – November) starts out warm and often humid, and then turns cool and rainy.

- **Winter** (December – February) is usually cold and windy, with plenty of snowfall and some below-freezing temperatures.

Because of Connecticut’s seasonal climate, a variety of clothing is needed. You should own a pair of warm, sturdy boots; a warm jacket or coat (wool or down-filled are good); as well as mittens, gloves, and a hat. It is also recommended that sweaters and thermal underwear be purchased to combat the cold spells and winter storms that are common to a New England winter.

During the autumn and spring months, lightweight jackets and sweaters will keep you warm. Temperatures tend to fluctuate during these months. You will also want to purchase a raincoat for rainy days (particularly during the month of April). If you remain in Connecticut during the summer months, it is also a good idea to bring or purchase short pants, short or sleeveless shirts, and a bathing suit.
WEATHER WEBSITES

**www.weather.com** – Here you can access Cable TV’s Weather Channel for local, national, and international weather.

**www.allmeasures.com/temperature.html** – This is a great link for immediate temperature conversion (Fahrenheit/Celsius). Or figure it out for yourself by using the algebraic formula $C^\circ = \frac{5}{9}(F^\circ - 32)$

**http://www.uswx.com/uswx/national.php** – This is a good website for weather information, and includes an almanac. If you go into the almanac and type in “06050” (the zip code for New Britain, Connecticut), you will find information about temperature, precipitation, degree days, sunrise, sunset, etc.

MEALS AND DINING

CCSU ID CARD

**Blue Chip Dollars** are is part of the campus debit card system that provides you with the opportunity to use funds in your account towards a variety of campus services, including approved off-campus retail stores and restaurants.

**Students living on-campus are required to purchase a meal plan.** This plan is paid on a semester basis. It gives you unlimited access to the student cafeteria. Payment must be made by July 15 (in-coming Fall students) and December 15 (in-coming Spring students) to avoid the late fee.

During the regular semester and while classes are in session, meals are served three times a day in Memorial Hall, Monday – Friday; only Brunch and Dinner are served on Saturday and Sunday. Meals may not be available during certain holidays or during the semester breaks.

**Off Campus Student Meal Plan** - Students living off-campus can receive a 20% discount when they use their BLUECHIP card to purchase meals from the Student Center, the cafeteria, or the Jazzman Café in the Library.
Charges and Fees - Specific details regarding CCSU tuition and fees, on-campus housing and meal plan costs, as well as methods of payment are available on-line from the CCSU Bursar’s Office at http://www.bursar.ccsu.edu

CODE OF CONDUCT AND ALCOHOL POLICY

Central Connecticut State University has a no tolerance policy regarding the consumption of alcohol or the use of drugs on campus. It is forbidden to bring or consume alcohol in the residence halls, regardless of age; the same restriction applies to drugs. The automatic suspension of privileges, including housing, will result from a violation of the no tolerance policy.

CCSU, like all universities, also has regulations that apply to academic misconduct, privacy, inter-personal behavior, and many other aspects of student life.

For more information about these codes and the penalties attached to them, you are urged to consult the Office of Student Conduct website at http://www.ccsu.edu/page.cfm?p=4155.

YOUR CENTRAL PIPELINE ACCOUNT

CENTRALPIPELINE for students
CentralPipeline gives you access to your personal and academic information while at CCSU. It can be used to:

- Set up and access your CCSU email account from home;
- Register on-line for your classes (J-1 exchange students register at CIE for classes);
- Review your class schedule;
- View unofficial transcripts;
- View and pay current bills.

To access this system go to https://webapps.ccsu.edu/accounts/
You will need to provide the following information:

- Your 8-digit CCSU ID number
- Your Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
- An Account Activation Pin (6 digits). This will be mailed to you separately for security reasons, contact the Undergraduate or Graduate Admissions for help.

After you have set up your account, you can login at https://webapps.ccsu.edu/accounts/
HOW TO PAY YOUR BILL

CCSU uses a QUICK PAY system to pay for all tuition and fees, please refer to this when trying to make a payment.

Instructions for accessing QuikPAY:

- Set up BlueNet ID, CentralPipeline and e-mail account at http://accounts.ccsu.edu
- Log onto Central Pipeline, http://pipeline.ccsu.edu
- Using your BlueNet ID and password, then click on Student tab
- EBill / Make QuikPAY Payment (from menu on left)
- View Accounts
- Current Statement (from drop down list on the right)
- You can pay your bill on-line or by mail. CCSU accepts Master Card, Discover Card, check or money order. Please be advised that CCSU no longer accepts Visa Cards.
- You will also have the option of setting up one or more authorized payers within QuikPAY who will also receive email notification of the bill.
- To set up a payment plan see the Bursar’s website www.ccsu.edu/bursar
REGISTERING FOR CLASSES

International Exchange Students will be pre-registered by the CIE for their first semester, according to information provided on the Course Selection Form. That form should be mailed to the CIE along with the Exchange Student Application. Exchange students do not pay the $200 confirmation fee.

NOTE: Fees that are owed to CCSU and not included in the tuition/fees paid to the Exchange Student’s home university are listed on the CCSU Bursar’s website and can be found at: http://www.ccsu.edu/page.cfm?p=1998

First Year Undergraduate International Students, who have paid the confirmation fee, will be given a schedule of courses that will contribute toward the University’s General Education Requirements for all students (the General Education requirement will be discussed at orientation). First year students have to fill out the First-Year Student Registration Form in order to be pre-registered for classes before arrival at CCSU. For more information on class registration, see attached link www.ccsu.edu/page.cfm?p=506

International Graduate and Transfer Students should contact their Advisor for instructions on course selection. The Graduate or Transfer Student must be a confirmed student and have paid the confirmation fee before registering for classes. Consult the billing statement, Central Pipeline Account and/or the Bursar’s Office website for tuition and payment information.

Enrolling in English Language Classes – International students who would like assistance with English writing and composition may enroll in ESL 108 (fall semester) or ESL 109 (spring semester).

HEALTH CARE AND STUDENT INSURANCE

Medical Forms
The medical health form must be completed and all pages signed by a doctor and returned in-person or by mail to:

   Dr. Christopher Diamond, M.D.
   Director of Student Wellness Services
   Central Connecticut State University
   Marcus White Annex
   1615 Stanley Street
   New Britain, CT  06050
   Tel: +1 860-832-1925    Fax: +1 860-832-2579
   www.ccsu.edu/health

● You will be prevented from registering for classes or living in campus housing without a completed Health Form on record with Student Wellness.
● You may be prevented from living in the residence halls without proof of an adequate vaccination against meningitis.

● We urge you to have your physical exam and complete the Health Form before entry into the U. S. since medical expenses in the U. S. will not typically be covered by your home country’s insurance.

● Student Wellness Services may require additional immunizations/tests upon your arrival at CCSU. Please refer to the information on the CCSU Heath Form or contact Student Wellness Services for specific details.

About CCSU Student Wellness Services - Minor illnesses and injuries can be treated by the University Student Wellness Services during their normal operating hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Student Wellness Services provides medical care, laboratory tests, pharmacy and flu clinic services to full- and part-time CCSU students who have filed the required medical history paperwork with the Student Wellness Services office. Appointments are necessary and must be scheduled in advance by calling (860) 832-1925. Individuals experiencing medical emergencies should dial 9-1-1, the U. S. universal telephone number for emergencies of all types (health, safety, fire, etc). Student Wellness Services may need to make a referral for off-campus treatment or impose a fee for some services.

Student Insurance
Student health insurance is required for all full-time students and dental insurance has to be purchased separately. Once student insurance has been paid for, students are able to log in and print their insurance card online at www.aetnastudenthealth.com

Special Message for Exchange (J-1) Students:
You have the option of waiving the medical portion, but not the accident portion, of the CCSU insurance coverage, if you have an individual policy that meets University requirements. The insurance policy must have equal or better coverage than CCSU insurance and the insurance company must have an office located in the U.S. For more information and to complete the insurance waiver form please see the Sickness Insurance Form.

DEPARTMENTS ON CAMPUS

A complete directory is available on-line at http://www.ccsu.edu/page.cfm?p=1764#1

● The Center for Advising and Career Exploration (CACE) http://www.ccsu.edu/page.cfm?p=3626
  The Advising Center of CACE assists students in developing and implementing academic and career plans by offering the following services: Advisement of Undeclared Majors, Self-Assessment, Career Counseling, Career Exploration, Experiential Learning and Referral.
• Bursar’s Office  

• Campus Ministry  
  www.ccsu.edu/ministry  
  The campus ministry offices are available to all students for personal counseling, participation in classroom discussions and to provide a variety of social, spiritual and educational programs.

• Immigration Questions/Concerns  
  The Center for International Education - www.ccsu.edu/cie  
  Toyin Ayeni, Coordinator, International Student and Scholar Services; ayenio@ccsu.edu

• Intercollegiate Athletics  
  www.ccsu.edu/bluedevils.com  
  There are twenty intercollegiate sports, including these sports for men: football, basketball, indoor track, cross country, outdoor track, soccer, and swimming; and for women: cross country, indoor track, softball, tennis, outdoor track and soccer.

• Learning Center (241 Copernicus Hall)  
  www.ccsu.edu/learnctr/  
  The mission of The Learning Center is to provide assistance for all students so that they may reach their maximum academic potential as successful, independent and life-long learners. They offer tutors to assist you with your coursework.

• Registrar’s Office  
  www.ccsu.edu/registrar  
  The Office of the Registrar is responsible for the maintenance and security of all student and academic records for undergraduate, graduate, current and former students.

• Residence Life  
  www.ccsu.edu/reslife  
  Approximately 2,000 students reside on campus in nine residence halls. A live-in Residence Hall Director, who is assisted by a staff of undergraduate Residence Assistants, supervises each residence hall.

• Safety  
  CCSU Police Department  
  Campus Police Station  
  Emergencies: Dial 911  
  Routine Calls/Non-Emergencies: (860) 832-2375

• School of Graduate Studies  
  http://www.ccsu.edu/page.cfm?p=532
• Special Student Services
  http://www.ccsu.edu/page.cfm?p=3639
  If you have a disability (visual, hearing, physical, psychological and any form of learning disability), a wide range of services are available to you through the Office of Special Services.

• Student Affairs
  www.ccsu.edu/studentaffairs/
  The Office of Student Affairs publishes the University Handbook for Undergraduate Students available at their website:

• Student Wellness Services
  www.ccsu.edu/health
  Student Health Services provides medical services for the maintenance of health and the evaluation and treatment of illnesses and injuries to all students. Staff and faculty will be seen for immediate medical care or referrals where indicated.
OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

OBTAINING A BANK ACCOUNT
Achieve Financial Credit Union, is no longer located on campus, but now at 450 West Main Street, New Britain, CT 06053. An Automated Teller Machine (ATM) is available on campus in the Student Center. For information about their bank services and banking hours, you can visit their website at www.achievefinancialcu.com

DRIVING IN THE U.S
If you want to drive in the United States and already have a foreign driver’s license, you may apply in your home country for an International Driver’s Permit (IDP). The International Driver’s Permit must be accompanied by your valid foreign driver’s license from your home country. More details about this and how to apply for a Connecticut Driver’s License may be found at the Connecticut State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) website www.ct.gov/dmv/site/default.asp

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
http://www.nbtrans.com – Website for New Britain Public Transportation information, fares, schedules, and route maps. The CCSU campus is along the “S”/Stanley Street and “O”/Oak Street routes.
www.cttransit.com – Public Transportation within the greater-Hartford area; as well as New Haven and Stamford, in Southern Connecticut. This site includes routes, fares, and schedules. CCSU students traveling into Hartford may catch a bus from the West Farms Mall, along the Route S and/or O of the New Britain bus line.

WORKING IN THE U.S
F-1 and J-1 visa holders are eligible for on-campus employment only. Availability of on-campus jobs is not guaranteed.

APPLYING FOR A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN)
F-1 and J-1 visa holders, with an offer of on-campus employment, are eligible to apply for a Social Security Number. Information about the process is available on the CIE website at http://www.ccsu.edu/page.cfm?p=11319.
FUN THINGS TO DO – GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

CONNECTICUT (AND NEW ENGLAND) – THINGS TO SEE AND DO

www.ctvisit.com – Includes a Connecticut vacation guide, attractions, lodging, as well as special events calendars.


www.cnctb.org/ – Current events, accommodations, dining, museums, nature trails, sports, recreation, and golf courses in Connecticut’s Heritage Valley area (to the north of New Britain and Hartford).

http://www.hartfordtours.us/ – Hartford Tours offers sightseeing trips and activities in Hartford, Connecticut.

http://www.cultureandtourism.org/cct/site/default.asp - Includes a Connecticut vacation guide, attractions, lodging, as well as special events calendars.


NEWS & LOCAL INFORMATION

www.ctnow.com - See the latest Hartford Courant Newspaper news, entertainment, sports, apartment search and weather.

www.youbelonginct.com - Things to do, sites to see while in Connecticut, business resources. Includes links to City/Town sites, online newspapers & magazines, transportation links to Amtrak, Bradley International Airport, CT Transit.

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U.S. HOLIDAYS

There are three major categories of holidays celebrated in America: patriotic or civic holidays, religious holidays, and just-for-fun holidays. Some of the holidays are legal holidays when schools, banks, government offices, and businesses are closed.

**New Year’s Day – January 1.** The first day of the year. Most of the celebration takes place the night before (December 31) New Year’s Eve, with parties and other festivities running well into the early morning hours of January 1. New Year’s Day is a legal holiday.

**Martin Luther King Day – January 15 (or the Monday closest to that date).** Martin Luther King was a revered leader of the Civil Rights Movement who was assassinated in 1968; this legal holiday honors his achievements.

**Lincoln’s Birthday – February 12 (or the Monday closest to that date).** Abraham Lincoln was the 16th President of the United States, and is remembered for his efforts to abolish slavery in the U.S. Lincoln’s Birthday is a legal holiday.

**Valentine’s Day – February 14.** On this day, people give those they love (especially sweethearts) cards and/or gifts, such as candy, chocolate, and flowers.

**Washington’s Birthday – February 22 (or the Monday closest to that date).** George Washington was the first President of the United States. Washington’s Birthday is a legal holiday.

**Ash Wednesday – (date varies – sometime in February or March).** This is the Christian holiday marking the beginning of the 40-day period of penitence (Lent), concluding with Easter. The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is often celebrated as Mardi Gras.

**St. Patrick’s Day – March 17.** Celebration of the patron saint of Ireland. Symbols include shamrocks, leprechauns (elves), and anything green. Some cities hold a parade.

**Good Friday - (date varies – sometime in March or April).** A legal and Christian holiday, marking the Friday before Easter.

**Easter - (date varies – sometime in March or April).** A legal and Christian holiday that celebrates the death and resurrection of Jesus. Traditional aspects of this day include Easter egg (decorated eggs) hunts for children, with eggs hidden by the “Easter Bunny,” as well as the giving of Easter baskets filled with candy.

**Passover - (date varies – sometime in March or April).** This is an eight-day Jewish holiday, commemorating the exodus of the Jews from slavery in Egypt.
Ramadan - (date varies – sometime in March or April). The ninth month of the Islamic calendar and one of the Five Pillars of Islam, Ramadan is observed by Muslims worldwide with 29-30 days of fasting from sunrise to sunset.

April Fool’s Day – April 1. A day when people play harmless pranks and jokes on each other.

Mother’s Day – second Sunday in May. This is a holiday that honors mothers and grandmothers by giving them special attention, such as cards and gifts.

Memorial Day – last Monday in May. This is a legal holiday that honors the men and women of the armed forces who have died while defending the United States. Many people celebrate with picnics and cookouts for family and friends. Many cities have a parade, and the day marks the unofficial beginning of summer.

Flag Day – June 14. This day commemorates the adoption of the American Flag.

Father’s Day – third Sunday in June. Fathers and grandfathers are honored with gifts and cards on this day.

Independence Day – July 4. This legal holiday is probably the most beloved patriotic holiday in the U.S. July 4th celebrates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, when the U.S. declared its independence from England. Today, it is celebrated with parades, picnics and cookouts, outdoor concerts, and firework displays in many communities.

Labor Day – first Monday in September. A legal holiday celebrating those who work. It marks the unofficial end of summer.

Rosh Hashanah - (date varies – sometime in September or October). This is a Jewish holiday celebrating the first day of the Jewish New Year. Traditions include sounding the Shofar and eating symbolic foods, such as apples and honey.

Yom Kippur - (date varies – sometime in September or October). This most solemn Jewish holiday is the Day of Atonement, as well as repentance. Traditionally, it is a day of fasting, prayer, and synagogue services.

Columbus Day – second Monday in October. This legal holiday honors Christopher Columbus who discovered the New World in 1492. It is sometimes celebrated with parades.

Halloween – October 31. This day is associated with witches, ghosts, bats, goblins, and anything scary. The holiday is primarily for children, who dress in costumes to go “Trick-or-Treating,” ringing doorbells of friends and neighbors houses in order to receive treats, such as candy. The holiday is also celebrated by adults at costume parties.

Veteran’s Day – November 11. Also known as Armistice Day, this legal holiday honors veterans of the armed forces. It is sometimes celebrated with parades.
**Thanksgiving** – fourth Thursday in November. This legal holiday is a time of thanks for family, friends, and blessings. The holiday originated in 1621 when the Pilgrims, Colonists, and Indians contributed food for a shared meal that celebrated their survival. Today, the Thanksgiving meal typically includes turkey, bread stuffing, root vegetables, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie.

**Chanukah** - (date varies – sometime in November or December). A Jewish holiday lasting eight days. This holiday commemorates the re-dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem and is celebrated by lighting candles each evening at sundown and exchanging small presents.

**Christmas** – *December 25*. A legal and Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus. Although Christmas falls on December 25th, the preparations begin right after Thanksgiving. Store, businesses, and homes are decorated with Christmas trees, wreaths, and special lights.
CCSU FAST FACTS

**FOUNDED**
1849, the first public institution of higher education in Connecticut.

**LOCATION**
On the edge of metropolitan New Britain, 15 minutes from the state capitol in Hartford; about two hours from New York City, NY and Boston, MA.

**STUDENT BODY**
Co-ed with about 51% women and 49% men and approximately 8,000 full-time and 4,000 part-time students. About 2,100 students reside on-campus.

**FACULTY**
Approximately 450 full-time faculty and 525 part-time faculty; about 80% hold doctoral degrees.

**SCHOOLS**
Arts and Science; Business; Education and Professional Studies; Engineering and Technology; Graduate Studies.

**CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE**
Our School of Technology and Center for International Education have been designated Connecticut Centers of Excellence by the Board of Governors for Higher Education.

**ALUMNI**
Over 65,000, 85% of whom reside in Connecticut.

**DEGREES**
Four-year undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Fine Arts; Bachelor of Science; Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology; Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology. Graduate degrees: Master of Arts; Master of Science; Six-year Certificates. Doctoral degree: Educational Leadership.

**INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**
Short- and long-term study abroad programs are available through the Course Abroad Program and partnership programs in Africa, Asia, Australia, the Caribbean, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and United Kingdom. CCSU also offers a degree (undergraduate and graduate) in International Studies. Over 300 international students from 50+ countries study at CCSU each year.

**CAMPUS AND BUILDINGS**
Nearly 165 acres and 40 buildings, including nine residence halls.

**SAFETY**
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